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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CATERING FACILITIES IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has any new Schemes to improve catering facilities in trains/stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether her Ministry also consider to open more shops, tea stalls, STD booths, kiosks etc. at Railway stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of stations where the above said, passenger amenities have since been given on lease, division-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In order to provide improved catering facilities to passengers, railway has decided to provide high quality food items through existing and new outlets at important/major stations. Other facilities include provision of modular stalls to improve presentation and service, improvement in packaging and serving of food in trains and progressive introduction of eco-friendly bio-degradable packaging material for service of food and beverages.

(c) & (d) Zonal railways review the requirements from time to time and provide additional facilities wherever justified considering the level of passenger traffic.

(e) Catering services are exclusively managed by private licensees at about 3050 stations and on 124 pairs of trains on all Indian Railways. In addition, about 30 stations are having departmentally as well as licensee managed catering units. Division-wise information is not maintained in this regard.